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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

Jerome F. McAleer et al.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the Final Office Action of December 20, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.